CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	Pic_0123_020.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
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Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	New Zealand
Language:	Not applicable
Applicant:	Commissioner of Police
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	09 November 2015
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued
Date of notice of decision:	06 November 2015

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file is a coloured close depiction of the naked genitals of a girl. The presence of part of an adult's hand in the image indicates this is a record of sexual abuse. The only possible purpose of the image is to titillate or arouse people with a sexual interest in young girls. Images such as this encourage viewers to see young girls as sexually desirable and available for adult sexual gratification. The effect is to strengthen this sexual interest and encourage the sexual exploitation of children.

The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression set out in the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990. However, this is a reasonable limitation in order to protect young and vulnerable members of society from sexual exploitation.